

NFRBMEA Pre-Conference Board Meeting

June 11, 2017—Embassy Suites Hotel—Des Moines, IA

Attendance: David Gillman, Bruce Fowler, Will Walter, Myron Oftedahl, Rodney Armstrong, Josh Tjosaas, Deb Pike, Tina LeBrun. Also present were 2018 conference planners Miguel Saviroff, Barry Kurtz, Maria Graziani, Sarah Cornelisse and Jim Ladlee

The meeting was called to order by President David Gillman at 1:00 PM.

The agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report—Minutes from the 2017 spring board meeting were reviewed. Will moved and Myron seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report—Myron presented the treasurer's report. We have a checking account balance of \$16,313.91. \$7500 has been invested in the 2017 conference so far. Our non-profit status has been updated. The complete report can be found in the annual report and will be discussed along with the budget at the annual meeting. Bruce moved and Rodney seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried

NCAE Report—Josh gave an update on the National Council for Agriculture Education activities. The fiscal year is now on a January-December calendar year. The council's managing director has retired so Josh and others have been handling the day-to-day activities as required. The council is looking at restructuring the leadership of the council by hiring an "advocate" for agricultural education rather than a managing director. Josh sees this as a positive for farm management education and our organization. Josh has served as council president this past year. His term expires in December and he will continue to serve as past president for the coming year. Lori Tonak has accepted a nomination for the farm management education representative on the council for the coming term.

2017 Conference Report—As of this morning 116 are registered.

2018 Conference Report (Harrisburg, PA)—Miguel Saviroff discussed the structure of the planning team which includes Jim Ladlee, Maria Graziani and Sarah Cornelisse from Penn State Extension. The hotel has been secured. The Harrisburg Convention and Visitors Bureau has been working with the planning team. A tentative agenda was handed out and several speakers are tentatively lined up. Three tours are being planned with several stops on each. Also being discussed is a possible post-conference tour to Gettysburg and/or Philadelphia. Deb will put preliminary conference highlights on the website.

Communications Director Report—Deb reported on the following:

- Membership—Membership currently stands at 93—83 regular, 9 affiliate and 1 honorary.
- There has been one Real-Time-Update since April 1
- The annual report is complete and has been emailed to the members and also posted on the website
- Deb expressed the need to have bios for the speakers prior to the conference so they can be posted to the Speakers' pager on the conference website.

Discussion on registration procedures and NFRBMEA/NAFBAS cross-organization promotion and marketing.

Industry Relations and CHS Scholarship Program Report—Tina LeBrun reported CHS has provided \$10,000 again this year for the Conference Scholarship program and that there were eight applicants. Five will be attending the 2017 conference. Everyone is encouraged to meet and visit with the scholarship attendees. Tina has taken on the conference sponsorship and industry relations duties as well. We have lost a couple of our major national sponsors this year. The six regular vendor/sponsors are back and Kent Vickre has good local sponsorship for this year's conference.

The Past Presidents' meeting will take place following the board meeting. Will reported that so far there is one nomination for President Elect and one for NCAE Representative. The Past Presidents will be discussing these nominees and will be looking for a nominee for secretary.

The agenda for the annual meeting and awards to be presented were reviewed

Bruce moved and Will seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be on Thursday after the conclusion of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Armstrong
NFRBMEA Secretary